APPENDIX

1   1.   In a computing environment, computer readable code for implementing a

2   convenient and intuitive visually-oriented technique for navigating an object model, said

3   computer readable code comprising:

4   a subprocess for displaying a browser;

5   a subprocess for retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said

6   elements representing said object model;

7   a subprocess for enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements;

8   a subprocess for retrieving and displaying relationship information from said

9   model when said selected element is a component of said model; and

10   a subprocess for enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said

11   displayed relationship information.

12   3.   Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 1,

13   further comprising a subprocess for presenting an action list to said user.

1   4.   Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3,

2   wherein said action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected one or more

3   relationships.

1   5.   Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3,

2   wherein said action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element

3   when said element is a component.

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1 6. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3,

2 wherein said action list is filtered before being presented to said user, using one or

3 more predefined filters.

1 7. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 1,

2 wherein said browser is a conventional browser.

1 8. A system for implementing a convenient and intuitive visually-oriented technique

2 for navigating an object model in a computing environment, comprising:

3 means for displaying a browser;

4 means for retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said

5 elements representing said object model;

6 means for enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements;

7 means for retrieving and displaying relationship information from said model

8 when said selected element is a component of said model; and

9 means for enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said

displayed relationship information.

1 10. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 8, further

2 comprising means for presenting an action list to said user.

1 11. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said

2 action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected one or more relationships.

1 12. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said

2   action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element when said

3   element is a component.

1   13.   The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said

2   action list is filtered before being presented to said user, using one or more predefined

3   filters.

1   14.   The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 8, wherein said

2   browser is a conventional browser.

1   15.   A method for implementing a convenient and intuitive visually-oriented technique

2   for navigating an object model in a computing environment, comprising the steps of:

3   displaying a browser;

4   retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said elements

5   representing said object model;

6   enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements;

7   retrieving and displaying relationship information from said model when said

8   selected element is a component of said model; and

9   enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said displayed

10   relationship information.

1   17.   The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 15, further

2   comprising the step of presenting an action list to said user following said selection of

3   relationship information.

1   18.   The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, wherein said

2   action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected relationship information.

1   19.   The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, wherein said
2   action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element when said
3   element is a component.

1   20.   The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, further
2   comprising the step of filtering said action list before presenting said action list to said
3   user, using one or more predefined filters.

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